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Ms. Pat Sheppard
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Friends of Hillary (C00358895)

Dear Ms. Shepard:

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Hillary in response to questions raised in your April 5, 2002 letter concerning information contained in the committee's 2001 Mid-Year Report for the period January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001 (the "Mid-Year Report"). Friends of Hillary's response is set forth below:

1. Apparent excessive contributions were properly redesignated or refunded pursuant to FEC Regulations

You identified two contributions on the Friends of Hillary Mid-Year Report that appear to exceed the \$1,000 per-person per-election contribution limits set forth in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). 2 U.S.C. §441a(a). Friends of Hillary received an undesignated contribution of \$2,000 from Kathleen Sloane on April 4, 2001 and properly reported it as a \$2,000 primary election contribution. The other apparent excessive contribution of \$2,000 was received from Wilfredo Flores on June 8, 2001. Wilfredo Flores's contribution was also undesignated and the total amount was reported as a primary election contribution.

Under the Act, a committee may retain funds if within sixty (60) days of receipt the excessive amount is designated for a different election, by obtaining a signed written authorization from the contributor pursuant to 11 C.F.R. §110.1(b)(5). If the committee does not obtain the written redesignation within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. 11 C.F.R. 103.3(b)(3).

Each of the apparently excessive contributions cited in your April 5, 2002 letter was properly refunded or redesignated pursuant to Commission regulations. A detailed description of each remedy follows: